niert. Some occupy expensive pariors to theire. in palatial hotels. Others are hidden away in comfortable quarters at much

ille, with them and others are alone. It will take the new congressman his way among the labyrinthine pasit, and he will frequently take the wrong direction when seeking the restaurant or trying to leave the capitol. mense building, and even then at timus he will require the assistance of a guide. It will take him longer than that, however, to get the hang of the

clal enjoyment. If a Republican, he will probably be placed upon two committees. They ling of the trials and tribulations of will meet twice a week at 10 o'clock in the morning. The session will last about two hours. At 12 o'clock the joyments he may possibly desire a rehouse will begin its session. If the new member wishes to retain the run light he will throw up both hands in of the business before the house he will disgust and give up the business. find it necessary to be present. Later on he will be placed upon sub-committees, and later still, upon committees of investigation. These will use up others of his morning hours.

No new member can tell upon what committee he will land. An agricultural member may be thrown into the marine committee and a sea-board nember may be whirled into the committee on agriculture. All trades and professions appear to be scattered around upon the various committees without much reference to special fitness. An embryonic statesman may land upon the committee on acoustics and a rural preacher may turn up on the judiciary. Wherever they may land, there will be more than work enough for all if it is properly per-

Many other things will astonish the new member. The rules will certainly puzzle him. He will find, if they are enforced, that they will apparent ly give the greatest privileges to the old members and none at all to the new ones. He will be forced to keep his mouth shut even when legislation directly concerning his own district is under consideration. Vainly will be plead for recognition from the speaker, and he will be lucky indeed if he flads the chairman of the committee willing to grant him even a minute of time to talk concerning such a bill. He may introduce a bill, and the bill be report ed back from the committee as intro duced. When the house, however, comes to consider it he will be obliged in nine cases out of ten, to listen to the debate and not participate in it.

As illustrative of this, a story is told of a New York member who served two terms in congress. In his first term he had no opportunity to open his head. Along in the middle of his second term a bid from the committee on war claims came before the house. The New York member had commanded the troops responsible for the destruction of the property alluded to time allotted to the committee did not touch on the vital points in dispute. The general went to the chairman of the committee and asked for half an hour to discuss the claim. He added that he understood the case thoroughly and no one else seemed to have a fair idea of it. The chairman turned upon him and grimly replied:

When we want you to talk we'll let you know.'

That ended it. The general got no opportunity to speak upon the only subject that came before the house on which be was thoroughly informed.

derstands the secret of suspension day, district days, morning days, call of the the whole, and a thousand and one peculiar features of house legislation He will be lucky indeed, if he understands what the house is doing without reference to the mode of proceedure. Upon Friday nights he will be but will find a cast demanded whenever he attempts to force a pension

He will be badgered by visitors is in session and by absence from it. If a Republican he will be hounded night and day by office seekers. Hun-dreds will write for rare and costly

women. If he endeavers to fulfil their | miles. It is a locked canal, and small on the New York Carl. wishes he will be completely over-washington, Jee. 14.—The fledgling washed. Flocks of strangers will congressmen are here in force. There descend upon him. Each will have are a out 120 of them. You meet them her grievance. They will collect in a or was when we were there. It is sitn the street, in the hotel corridors, at little sportment near a side entrance unted on Chesapeake Bay, 50 miles the White House and in the intricate and bombard him with cards. A doz passages of the espitol. Some wear en times a day will he be called out by kid gloves and clothing of fashionable the doorkeepers. His best course will people were apparently very true to cut. Others wear slouch hats and be to attend strictly to his own conhomespun garments. All are on the stituents and let other members attend lingly kind to us southern soldier

The new congressman will find himself upon a bed of coals and not upon a cheaper rates. Some have their fambed of roses. Many of his constituents will require his services in the departments when his duties require him in some time to unravel the intricacies of the house or the committee room. If eat our own hard tack, but took us in-Washington life and to learn to find he is ever to become an adept in the passing of a bill he must pay strict atsages of the capitol. His committee tention to what is going on. Vainly room will clude him when in search of will he strive to dovetall office seeking with statesmanlike measures.

No man can be ubiquitous. To perform his duties satisfactorily to him-It will take him months to know ev- self and to his constituents, a new conery byway and passage in the im- gressman must be apparently ubiqui-

Some congressmen devote their mornings to their mails. Others answer their letters at night. Old conrules of the house. More than one gressmen seem to know by intuition term may be required to know how to what is going on in the house at all do business. If he attends strictly to times. They can afford to answer morning after the surrender of the Ishis duties, he will find that there will their letters at their desks while the be very little time left for play and so- house is in session.

At the end of the first term the new political life. If they appear to him some three miles, went into camp and to be balanced by its pleasures and enelection. If he does not see it in that

AMOS J. CUMMINGS.

THE OTHER SIDE AGAIN.

Register: As the nights are long and we have a few hours to spare we know of nothing that we could do that would be more interesting to the young and more amosing to the old than to write you another letter or two concerning the long, long ago, in the spring of '62, when this blessed and beloved country of ours was all on fire with secession and war. The writer and the company to which he belonged were ordered from West Virginia, at which place they were then stationed to Manassas Junction to assist the boys there in that great Bull Run struggle-but before we reached that point the order was countermanded, as a great many military orders are, and we were ordered to Richmond, the Capital of the Confederacy. We reached that place in the early spring of '62, and were quartered in Camp Lee, a camp built just

in the edge of the city. We remained here but a short time however, when we were ordered to Norfolk, Va. We embarked immediately for that city by rail, via Petersburg. We left the historic city, Petersburg, just as the sun was settling down behind the timber in the west, and we arrived in Norfolk,-a distance of 80 miles-just at day light the next morning, and it was here that we drew a new supply of mules, harness and wagons, and the next day fixed up for a march by land to Elizabeth City, North Carolina, via Dismal Swamp canal.

I shall ever remember that the mules that we drew were taken off of a boat Six of them, none of which had ever before had a collar on, were hitched to a big new town wagon, and the writer of this was put on for a driver. We other five with a single line. It took some six or eight of us to hitch them up and to keep their heels down until we could get them straightened out in mile, got on a small elevation and in the bill. He alone, of all the members on the floor, was thoroughly con-through the city to a camp on the oth-versant with all the circumstances of er side. And when all was ready and infantry on each side of the road, hid a sergeant was mounted to go sheed two pieces of artillery in the breach and clear the streets of people and charged with double charges of caniswhen the driver was firmly planted in ter, laid down and awaited the aphis saddle, they turned us loose. The proach of the enemy, who by this time wagon was empty, and it just touched the highest places, and long before we elevation nearly a mile awry. There reached the camp on the other side of were six thousand of them and their the city, we felt very much as Davy advance was led by six hundred New York Zonaves marching eight abreast. self up with the calf-we wanted some Toey were dressed in blood red unione to head us off. But no one interfered, and we ran until we had reach- they moved forward They were not en the end of the street, and were expecting to encounter an enemy as there stopped by the soldier boys who they did not even have a videt in front and planted themselves across sa'd of them. We were all completely unstreet on purpose to receive and stop member. It will be long before he unour first mule meat. It was black and ling the lane in which they were now idea occurred to me than I had some tough, and we wondered what it was, committees, open house, committees of until our captain told us, for he had could now hear the jabbering of their they took with great cagerness. The been an old Mexican seldier and knew mule mest when he saw it.

three baggage wagons, hitched up to hand ready to pull and fire the fatal our six Napoleon guns, and were off shot when the word of command was inducted into the mysteries of pension for Elizabeth, via Currytue sound. legislation. He will see others obtain Our new mules gave us no trouble afpensions without the call of a quorum, ter this, as they were now well broken the commanding officer who was also with gratified and repeated "boo-cos" and the weather being fine, with an occasional thunder shower, we moved quietly along. The citizens along the way were glad to see us, as they lookwhile the house is in session. A dozen times a day he will lose track of was well, and when we would go into Cough Syrup manufactured in the what is going on. He will receive camp for the night, it was invariably whole wide world. This is saying a hundreds of requests by letter. Many the case that some darkey would drive great deal, but it is true. For Concan only be granted while the house in a cart load of sweet potatoes and dump them out in our camp. This was not a volunteer act of the negroes, Asthma, Croup, Whooping Cough and

dreds will write for rare and costly books printed by congress years ago These are not included among the perquisites. But he will have hard work to convince those who importune him that this is the fact. There will be a flood of pension applications. It will take him weeks and months to ascertain the pecseary routine to secure at tention to them.

These who will annoy the new congressions the first probably be a distance, I believe, of thirty-five and distance, I believe, of thirty-five where seles.

This country, from Norfolk to Elizabeth City is anything but an inviting beth City is anything but an inviting country, being very low, swampy and very univiting but an inviting country, being very low, swampy and very unhealthy. Even the dogs, it was said, had the ague down there and I don't doubt that it is the fact. The soil outside the swamp is poor and tention to them.

These who will annoy the new congression of the Throat and Lungs we positively guarantee Ballard', beth City is anything but an inviting country, being very low, swampy and very universal that set of years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption Dr. King's New Discovery for Con

steamers carry the mail and express matter each way.

Elizabeth is a pretty little coast town from Rospoke Island, and had a popu lation in '62 and '63, of about 2000. Her They were giad to see us come, as they appeared to be very fearful of the Yankees and their invasion, but when we were with them,-three hundred of us, -they felt perfectly safe and happy So much so that they would not let uto their own households and fed us from their own tables, They also made a public dinner for

us while we were there. We ate with them and assured and reassured them that they should be protected from the Lincoln hirelings, and this we did while the enemy remained away-but the protection that we gave them waadeed of short duration for in a few days Roanoke Island capitulated. This Island was beseiged at this time by Burnside's fleet and the Island was defended by old General Henry of Wise' brigade or legion-and the very nexland the Lincoln gun boats came up and bombed us out of Elizabeth City. So we told the good people of that congressman begins to have an ink- town farewell and have never been back to see them since. We fell back The enemy did not pursue us, but nearly shelled us out of the town; put a garrison in the town, kept a gunbo lying in the sound and stood us off. But this could not last always and one bright morning a courier came dashing into our camp with cap in hand and horse dripping with perspiration and informed us that the Yankees were making a landing at Camden C. H. and were aiming to cut us off at Southmills, which place is a small town situated on the line of the Virginia & North Carolina railroad. This place is back toward Norfolk some twelve miles. The distance from Camden to that point was only ten miles and the enemy must now have had at least one hour the start of us So now for the race. It was an important case. If we beat them we could still keep our line of supplies and communication open and we would also have an opportunity to pick an elevated position out of the water or which to fight them when they came up. On the other hand if they beat uthey would cut the locks in the canal and thereby cut off our supplies from Norfolk, get between us and our base of supplies, pick the dry ground of which to fight us, drive us into the water and swamps and likely capture the whole command, which did not number over six hundred men all told. consisting of McComas Battery and the Third Georgia Regiment. The weather was exceedingly hot and dry and the water was the poorest kind of tadpole water but was plenty everywhere as this whole country is swamp and a frog pond. But we go out of that as fast as possible and fortune favored us. We best the Union troops just one hour. However, they had bad luck, as we learned from pris opers that we captured from them that one of their transports got aground at Camden and a part of their con mand had to come ashore a half mile in skiffs, and but for this accident 1 rode the near hind mule and drove the guess they would have scooped us And when we arrived at Southmills they were yet some three miles away We advanced on their road nearly a

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throws himself into a spiral, and about

w Its Deadly Blows Are Delivered Let us observe what happens when the rattlesvake means mischlef. He

one-third of his length, carrying the head, rises from the coll and stands upright. The attitude is fine and war-like, and artists who attempt to porsue, he waits. Little animals he scorns unless he is hungry, so that the mou or the toad he leaves for days unnoticed his cage. Larger or noisy creatures alarm him. Then his head and neck are thrown far back, his mouth is ned very wise, the fang held firmly erect, and with an abrupt swiftness, for which his ordinary motions prepare one but little, he strikes once and is back on guard again, vigilant and brave. The blow is a stab, and is given by throwing the head forward while the half-coils below it are straightened out to lengthen the neck and give power to the motions which drive the fangs into the opponent's flesh; as they center, the temporal muscle closes the lower jaw on the part struck, and thus forces the sharp fang deeper in. It is a thrust aided by a bite. At this moment the poison duct is opened by the relaxation of the muscle which surrounds it, and the same muscle which shuts the jaw squeezes the gland, and drives its

venom through the duct and hollow lang into the bitten part. In so complicated a series of acts there is often failure. The tooth strikes on tough skin and doubles back or fails to enter, or the serpent misjudges distance and falls short and may squirt the venom four or five feet in the air, doing no harm. I had a curious experience of this kind in which a spake eight feet six inches long threw a tenspoonful or more of poison athwart my forehead. It missed my eyes by an inch or two. I have had many near escapes, but this was the grimmest of all. An inch lower would have cost me my sight and probably my life.

A snake will turn and strike from any posture, but the coll is the attialways assumed when possible. The coil acts as an anchor and enables the animal to shake its fangs loose from the wound. A snake can rarely strike beyond half its length. If both fangs enter, the hurt is doubly dangerous, because the dose of venom is doubled. At times a fang is left in the flesh, but this does not trouble the serpent's powers as a poisoner, since numberless teeth lie ready to become firmly fixed in its place, and both fangs are never lost together. The nervou mechanism which controls the act of striking seems to be in the spinal cord for if we cut off a snake's head and then pinch its tail, the stump of the neck returns and with some acperimenter—if he has the nerve to hold on. Few men have. I have not. A little Irishman who took care of my laboratory astonished me by coolly sustaining this test. He did it by closing his eyes and so shutting out for a mo ment the too suggestive view of the returning stump. Snakes have always seemed to me averse to striking, and they have been on the whole much

Any cool, quiet person moving slowly and steadily may pick up and handle gently most venomous serpents. I fancy, however, that the vipers and the copperheads are uncertain pets. Mr. Thompson, the snake-keeper at the Philadelphia Zoological, handles his serpents with impunity; but one day, having dropped some little moc-casins a few days old down his sleeve while he carried their mamma in his hand, one of the babies bit him and made an ugly wound. At present the snake staff is used to handle snakes.

I saw one October, in Tanglers, what I had long desired to observe-a snake charmer. Most of his snakes were harmless; but he refused, with wellacted horror, to permit me to take hold of them. He had also two large brown vipers; these he handled with kept exhausted of their venom by having been daily teased into biting on a bundle of rags tied to a stick. They were too tired to be dangerous. I have often seen snakes in this state. After three or four fruitless acts of instinctive use of their venom they give up, and seem to become indifferent to approaches, and even to rough handling.

—Dr. G. Weir Mitchell, in Century.

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